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● Court hears how Southend tax worker was at 'forefront' of gang's 'highly sophisticated fraud'

HMRC INSIDER LED GANG ON £2M TAX STING

By Court reporter

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A WOMAN who worked at a tax office in Southend has been jailed for her role in a gang which stole more than £2.4m in VAT.

Susanne Green was among the gang of six convicted at Southwark Crown Court of conspiracy to cheat the public revenue and jailed on Tuesday, December 5.

The gang used insider knowledge provided by Green, 38, of Seafeld Street, Elgin, Moray, Scotland, to fraudulently claim millions in VAT repayments.

A three year investigation found former HMRC employee Green used her position working in the Electronic Payments Team in Southend to identify unallocated VAT payments and fraudulently pay them elsewhere.

Green used company details provided by accountants Michael Perry, 46, of Westbury Road, Southend and Daniel Weidner, 47, of Sandy



JAILED: Former Southend tax worker Susanne Green (above) and Michael Perry (top left), Daniel Weidner (top right), Arthur Lee (middle left) Michael Myatt (middle right) and Stephen Maish (bottom).

Lane, Eastleigh, Hampshire to 'fraudulently misallocate' VAT payments to specified businesses.

The investigation found that Arthur Lee, 55, formerly of Slewins Lane, Hornchurch, who was in a relationship with Green, received details of unallocated payments from her

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Mum triumphs over deadly flesh-eating bug trauma



SURVIVOR: Tammy Peel

By Southend reporter

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A SHOEBURYNESSE mother has told how she nearly died after developing a flesh-eating bug - on her vagina.

Tammy Peel, 39, was admitted to hospital after developing a cyst on her groin area which became septic. Medics rushed the mother-of-three to hospital in January to burst the cyst.

But they quickly discovered that she was suffering with sepsis along with necrotising fasciitis - a rare but serious bacterial infection that affects the tissue beneath the skin - which can be fatal.

Mum to two boys, aged 21 and 20, and a 12-year-old daughter, Tammy said: "I suffer from type 2 diabetes, and as a result occasionally have cysts develop."

"I want people to know what I went through and help others who have had similar experiences."

Tammy was left suffering with chronic back pain after giving birth to her third child through a cesarean 12 years ago.

In the year after her daughter's

birth, Tammy was hit with a debilitating depression.

She said: "I used to be such an active person, and just like that, I was in a wheelchair, unable to walk."

Her depression led her to eating an unhealthy diet - including for several weeks eating only ice cream.

Tammy quickly gained weight and within a year the 4ft9 mum's weight had crept up to 22st and had a dangerously high BMI of 66.6. She was diagnosed with diabetes, so began eating a healthier diet and shedding weight despite her inactivity.

This year, she tipped the scales at a healthier 12st.

But despite the weight loss, Tammy's nightmare was only just beginning in January of this year.

She said: "I noticed that I had a boil on my groin, which isn't uncommon as a diabetes sufferer. When I first noticed it, I thought that it deserved some antibiotics as it looked a bit angry so I went straight to the doctor. The medic at the hospital said that it was an abscess and they would need to take me into surgery to have it drained."

During the routine procedure, medics realised that her condition was far worse than they had anticipated and she was suffering from necrotising fasciitis.

People who suffer from diabetes are at risk from such infections because their condition weakens their immune system.

Surgeons had to rush to remove the

'I was in the most extreme pain ever...'

tissue from Tammy's labia, part of her thigh, up to her belly had to be removed to stop the spread of the disease.

Tammy said: "When I woke up I was in the most extreme pain ever."

"A doctor sat me down and told me that they had to remove tissue from all my groin area, right down my leg and up to my belly."

"I was reeling. I felt as if what defined me as a woman had been

completely taken away."

Tammy was discharged from hospital early and treated with daily visits by a nurse to clean the wound.

For eight weeks, Tammy was bed-bound until the wound had healed. She said: "It was such a horrible thing to go through."

"I was upset that it had happened, that I nearly died and feared that my husband and I might never be able to have sex again."

"I was mortified about what happened and too embarrassed to tell anyone. I wouldn't even look at the wound myself."

By May, Tammy said that her wound had healed enough for her husband and her to be intimate again.

She said: "Thankfully we have found a way. It's important we take it slow but we are optimistic about the future."

"I am so grateful for my husband and everything that he's put up with over the past few years."

"My vagina will never be the same again but I'm learning to accept to work with what I've got."

Tax office worker jailed for her participation in £2.4million VAT fraud

● From front page

and passed them to unqualified accountants Perry and Weidner. They then used their clients' companies to claim the VAT payments for themselves.

Two men, along with Lee - Michael Myatt, 56, of Elms Close, Hornchurch, and former pro darts player Stephen Maish, 54, of Willow Road,

Beechill, Wigan, Lancashire, allowed their identities and companies to be used as part of the fraud. The scam was rumbles when someone queried why a payment to HMRC had not been credited.

During the course of the enquiry a HMRC employee noticed a payment had been misallocated and that a further three payments had also been

misallocated to the same incorrect trader. The payments had been handled by Green. Sentencing Green, who denied conspiracy to cheat the public revenue, to five years and six months in prison, Judge Joanna Korner said she had demonstrated a "colossal breach of trust".

The judge added: "It was a fraud that was well planned,

sophisticated and difficult to detect. Green joined this conspiracy not through need but through greed."

Perry initially pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to cheat the public revenue but changed his plea to guilty during the trial. He was jailed for five years and three months. The other four all denied conspiring to cheat the public revenue.

Lee was jailed for a total of four years and six months and disqualified from being a director for five years.

Weidner was jailed for five years and six months. Myatt and Maish were jailed for two years and disqualified from being a director for three years.

Joff Parsons, assistant director, internal governance criminal investigations, fraud investigation services, HMRC, said: "Green, Lee, Perry and Weidner were at the forefront of a highly sophisticated fraud."

"As an HMRC employee Green was trusted with the sensitive information she was dealing with on a daily basis, but she abused her position and was pivotal to the theft."



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Having fun in a winter wonderland

PRE-SCHOOL children in Hockley frolicked in the snow on Monday, December 11, after south Essex received several inches of snowfall over the weekend.

The weather caused travel chaos across the county, with First Bus services can-

celled in many areas on Sunday and several c2c train services cancelled on Monday due to drivers claiming they couldn't get to work.

Essex Council said its gritters had to treat the roads five times in 24 hours,

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These images are of youngsters at Whizz Kids Pre-School, at Hockley Community Centre, enjoying the snow during their break time.



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Academy praised by inspectors for 'happy pupils who love coming to school' and teachers who make learning fun **Ofsted's festive 'good' cheer for Northwick Park**

A CANVEY school has been labelled as 'good' overall by Ofsted inspectors.

Northwick Park Academy, in Third Avenue, was given the rating in a report published on December 4.

Inspectors wrote that senior leaders at the school had created an environment in which pupils are "valued, well respected and well supported".

Teaching was described as being "typically good" across the school, while most pupils were found to achieve well in English and maths.

During their visit, across October 31 and November 1, inspectors discovered support for disadvantaged pupils.

Youngsters who have special educational needs and/or disabilities get

"highly effective" support and pupils thrived as a result. The school was rated as 'outstanding' in the personal development, behaviour and welfare category, with pupils' behaviour described as "exemplary".

Inspectors wrote: "The school is characterised by happy pupils who love coming to school. They play and work well together.

"Pupils who spoke to inspectors all enjoy school because teachers make learning fun and adults listen to them and help them."

Among further improvements inspectors said the school could make included improving outcomes for pupils in other national curriculum subjects.

Sarah Gould, deputy headteacher at

the school, said: "Our wonderful pupils, supportive parents, dedicated staff and committed governors all work extremely hard to make Northwick Park Academy the successful school it is.

"We are particularly proud that Ofsted recognised how well our pupils behave and are looked after at school."

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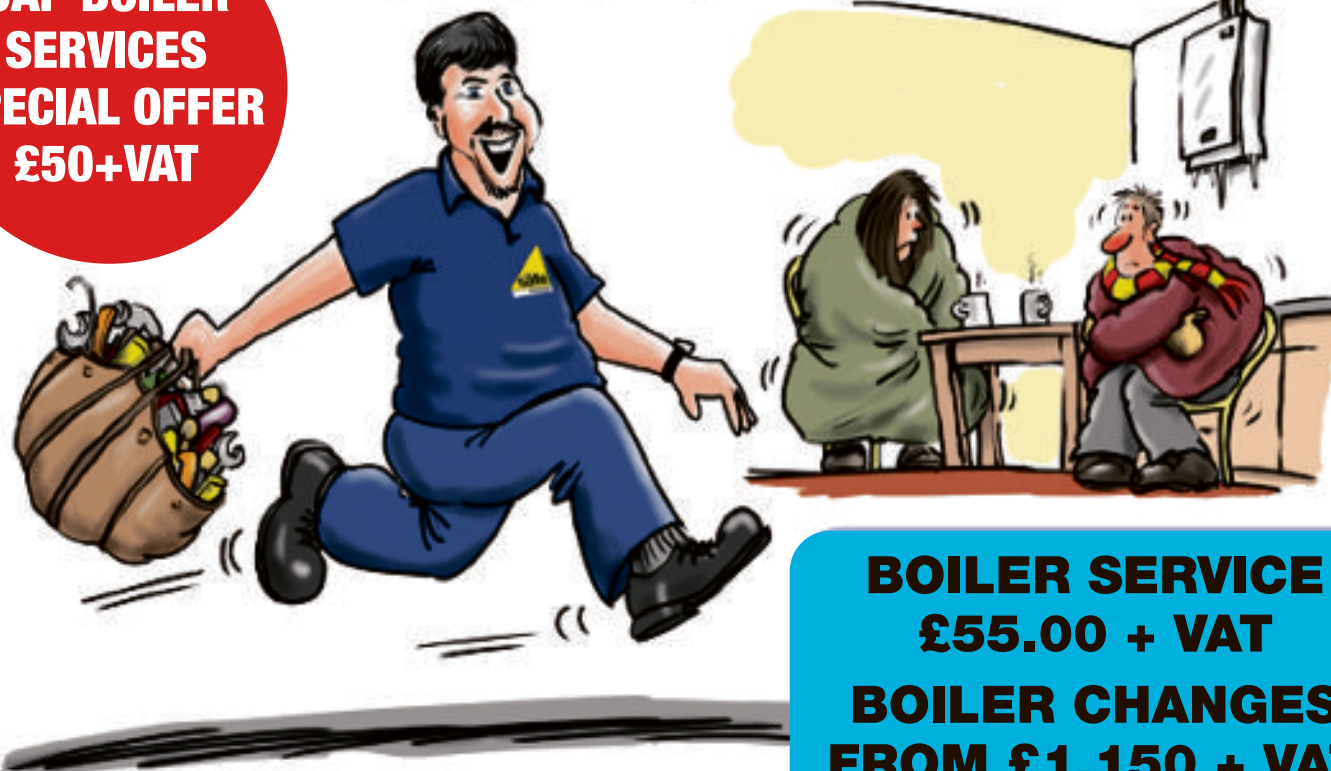
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Company picks up award for changing lives through sport

A THORPE Bay community interest company was one of the winners at a major awards ceremony.

Active Life for a Healthier You won the Changing Lives through Sport and Physical Activity award at the ceremony at Chelmsford City Racecourse.

The not-for-profit company

aims to help people of all ages and abilities increase physical activity and develop healthier lifestyles.

It was among the winners at the Active Essex Sports Awards, which celebrate outstanding achievement in sport and physical activity in the county.

Azeem Akhtar, chairman of Active Essex, said: "The 2017 Active Essex Sports Awards have been a huge success and I'd like to congratulate winners for their hard work and dedication. I hope these awards will inspire more people to get active whatever their age or ability."

Dr denies sex charges

A DOCTOR from Leigh has denied a series of sexual offences.

Kamran Ali, 39, of Glendale Gardens, appeared at Southend Magistrates' Court on Monday and pleaded not guilty to seven counts of sexual assault on a woman. He also denied a charge of making indecent photographs of children and possessing an extreme pornographic image portraying bestiality.

Ali was released on bail and will appear at Basildon Crown Court on January 8.



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Older victims of domestic abuse told support just phone call away

A CAMPAIGN has been launched across Essex to empower older domestic abuse victims to seek support after reported incidents doubled in the space of a year.

During 2016/17 there were 2,985 reported incidents of domestic abuse suffered by over-55s, compared to less than 1,500 in 2015/16.

The campaign is being led by the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) and focuses on positive outcomes and how survivors have been able to take part in activities or do things they previously weren't able to.

Cllr Dick Madden, chairman of SETDAB and Essex County Council cabinet member for children and families, said: "The latest figures are not only worrying, but unacceptable."

"This campaign aims to reach out to victims 55 and over and let them know that there is life after domestic abuse and that support is just a phone call away."



PLEDGE: Cllr Dick Madden

The campaign will feature across the county in posters as well as through older people networks and online. Short films have also been produced.

Cllr Lesley Salter, Southend Council's executive councillor for adult social care and health,

said: "Domestic abuse affects too many adults in Southend and across the whole county and so we fully support this campaign."

"Domestic abuse can occur at any age, but this campaign is targeting over-55s where there has been an increase in reports."

"We want to send a strong message to say to perpetrators that this is unacceptable but there is support available to help change behaviour, and to also let those suffering know that there is a support network out there too."

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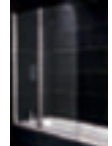
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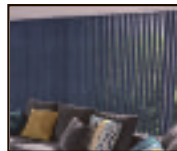
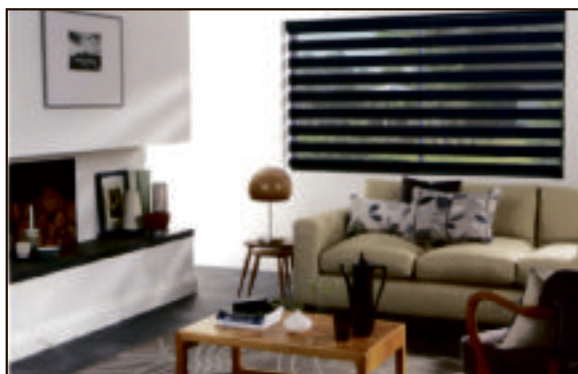
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QUEEN'S Theatre, Hornchurch, has revealed its spring programme for 2018.

The jam-packed season celebrates the theatre's 65-year anniversary with a diverse range of performances starting on Thursday, February 15.

Spring shows include *Rope*, by Patrick Hamilton; *Kindertransport*, by Diane Samuels; and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert the Musical*, by Stephan Elliot and Allan Scott.

Hamilton's 1929 dark classic *Rope* is based on the infamous Leopold and Loeb murder case of 1924, and was adapted to film by Alfred Hitchcock in 1948.

The play follows two upper-class intellectual young men, who murder a fellow Oxford student for sport.

The pair invite friends over to their Mayfair apartment for dinner, including the mother of the murdered youth.

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The daring young men chase the "perfect" crime as the ultimate manifestation of their intellectual superiority.

Rope will be brought back to life by Queen's artistic director Douglas Rintoul, whose previous work includes *The Crucible* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

The show is co-produced by New Wolsey Theatre, producers of *Made in Dagenham*. It will run from February 15 to March 3.

Following *Rope*, the theatre revisits Samuels' 1993 classic *Kindertransport* in celebration of its 25-year anniversary.

This heartwarming tale is named after, and based on, an organised rescue effort that took place during the nine months prior to the outbreak of the Second World War.

The *Kindertransport* rescue, German for "children's transport", saw the United Kingdom take in nearly 10,000 Jewish children from Germany and Eastern Europe, placing them in British foster homes, schools, and farms.

Samuels' play follows nine-year-old Eva in 1938, who is forced to flee her home in Hamburg and leave behind her mother to escape the threat of Nazism.

Simultaneously the audience is transported to 1980, where Eva's daughter, Faith, discovers documentation of her mother's past, calling into question Eva's

assimilation into English culture and relationship with her Jewish heritage.

Queen's is partnering with Les Théâtres de la Ville de Luxembourg to produce Samuels' play in association with Selladoor productions.

It will run from March 8 to March 24.

Playwright Samuels' notable works include *The True Life Fiction* of Mata Hari, 2001, *The A-Z of Mrs P*, 2014, and *Poppy and George*, 2016.

Third on Queen's programme is *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert the Musical*, adapted from Elliot and Scott's 1994 Australian comedy film.

The story follows three friends on an epic and sassy adventure through Australia in their endearingly named van, *Priscilla*.

The trio, two drag queen performers, and a transgendered woman encounter delights, beauty and bigotry as they traverse the outback.

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The musical will be directed by Queen's artistic director Rintoul, and will run from April 27 to May 19.

All three productions can be enjoyed with a Jump the Q season ticket from £42 (£14 per show). Season tickets and individual tickets are on sale now.

The theatre's young company Cut2 will be performing Korean-born In-Sook Chappell's *The Free9*.

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From April 3-7 Queen's will be hosting its first ever Take Part Festival, providing schools, youth companies and community groups with an opportunity to showcase their talent and hard work.

Finally, the theatre will be partnering with the National Theatre on Public Acts to deliver a fresh production of *Pericles* on the National Theatre's Olivier Stage in August. Adapted by Chris Bush, it will feature a cast of professional actors and community groups.

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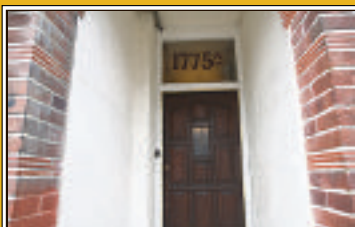
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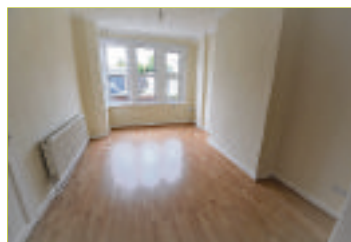
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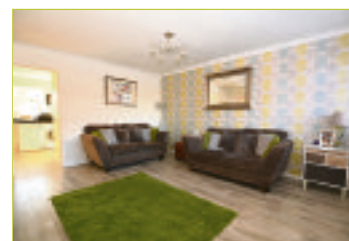
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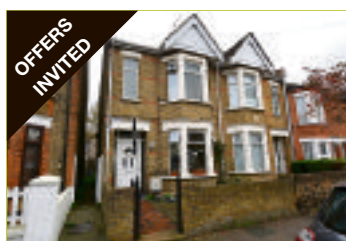
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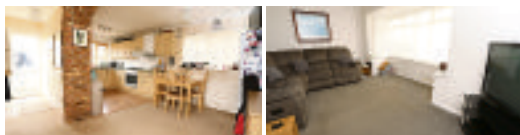
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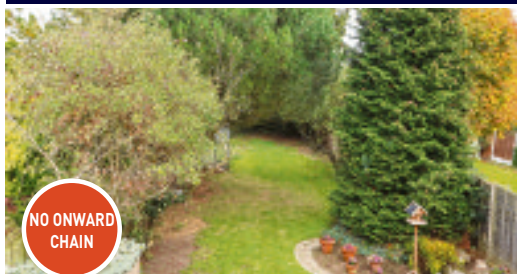
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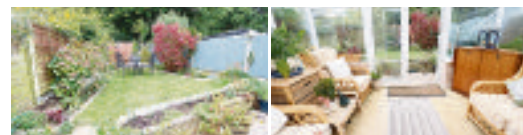
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GOAL: Marko Arnautovic

MARKO MAGIC!

Moyes bouyed as Hammers damage Chelsea title hopes

Football

West Ham United 1-0 Chelsea
Brian Jeeves reporting from the London Stadium

MARKO Arnautovic grabbed his first goal of the campaign as West Ham United produced a resolute display to stun Premier League champions Chelsea on a dramatic afternoon at the London Stadium.

The Hammers went into the match having won just two of their previous 22 Premier League meetings with Chelsea.

As predicted, Hammers boss David Moyes kept faith with Spanish goalkeeper Adrian, while Mark Noble, Winston Reid and Arnautovic also returned to the starting line-up as the East Londoners looked to put an end to a run of nine matches without a top-flight victory.

Chelsea boss Antonio Conte was without the services of midfielder Danny Drinkwater through illness, while Brazilian defender David Luiz remained sidelined with a knee injury.

The Blues went into the game unbeaten in their last seven league outings, but aware that anything other than a victory would seriously damage their increasingly slim chances of retaining the title.

But there was a huge shock in store for the visitors. Michail Antonio and Arnautovic exchanged passes, giving the Austrian international the opportunity to send a crisp low left-footed strike beyond Chelsea keeper Thibaut Courtois, much to the delight of the home crowd.

The revitalised Arnautovic was cautioned for his exuberant celebrations.

West Ham's new-found energy levels were clear to see as they snapped and snarled into tackles, and generally made life uncom-

fortable for their illustrious neighbours. Nevertheless, the Blues were a whisker away from restoring parity when Eden Hazard's volley whistled across the face of goal as Conte's men began to find their feet.

Chelsea began to press with greater intent. Both N'Golo Kante and Davide Zappacosta forced Adrian into smart saves as the champions looked for a way back into the contest.

Meanwhile, Arthur Masuaku dragged an effort wide as the home side rallied.

Chelsea now appeared to be asking the sterner questions. Tiemoue Bakayoko's speculative attempt was deflected the wrong side of an upright. However, the home side continued to toil busily, and finished the half strongly.

Substitute Pedro, was off-target, while Aaron Cresswell's timely interception thwarted Marcos Alonso as Chelsea started the second period with a flourish.

The Hammers believed they should have had a penalty when Andreas Christensen appeared to handle as the busy Arnautovic looked for a way through.

Zappacosta's curling angled strike had Adrian scrambling across his goal, but the recalled stopper was relieved to see the effort drift wide of the target, while Reid put his body on the line to block from Christensen as Chelsea's frustrations persisted.

In the closing stages Alvaro Morata passed up a glorious opportunity to level the score, firing wide after finding himself clear on goal, then both Hazard and Cesc Fabregas were too high, much to the anguish of everyone connected with the West London club.

But West Ham had done enough. Moyes has clearly brought new belief to a side who only a few weeks ago looked

doomed to a bitter relegation battle. And although the Hammers remained in the bottom three, this group of players have sent out a message that they are up for the fight.

The new Hammers chief was clearly impressed with the performance and commitment displayed by his charges.

He said: "A really good start to the game by us – and then we got a goal, which was a really well-worked goal.

"Then it was a completely disciplined, organised performance, with maybe, if we'd had a little bit more quality at times we may have got ourselves a second and a third goal, especially on the counterattack."

Moyes admitted that the improvement shown during last Sunday's defeat at Manchester City had given his side belief and renewed optimism ahead of Chelsea's visit.

"I think going into the game today we had taken confidence from the City game because of our performance.

"We need to stop conceding goals. I think we've got players who can score. But today we kept a clean sheet – I don't know when West Ham last kept a clean sheet."

This is clearly a revitalised West Ham side, but the Hammers chief played down his role in overseeing their fitness and energy rise to a new level, adding: "I think the confidence, and sometimes just telling them their jobs can help their energy levels rise. I think our energy levels have risen massively.

"But the other thing I'm going to say, I don't want my centre-forwards (Arnautovic and Antonio) thinking that 65 minutes is long enough for them to play.

"Those two have been told,

well done, you played really well today. They were a handful all day. But you know, I want you to play for 90 minutes. Marko, to be fair, had felt his calf, so that was the reason why we took him off a bit earlier."

On the decision to select goalkeeper Adrian, over England's Joe Hart, Moyes said: "Joe's been an incredible professional. I told him and he took it very well. He's been very good with Adrian.

"I think I've got two good goalkeepers, but my decision was based on Adrian's performance against Manchester City."

Chelsea manager Conte, suggested the defeat had ended the Blues hopes of retaining the Premier League title, saying: "To talk about the title race after a defeat I think is a bit strange.

"Basically, this is the third defeat in this season, in 16 games. When you have this start, it is impossible to think that you are in the title race."

West Ham are next in Premier League action on Wednesday, December 13, when Arsenal are the visitors to the London Stadium (8pm). The Hammers travel to the Bet365 Stadium on Saturday, December 16 to face Stoke City (3pm).

West Ham United: Adrian, Winston Reid, Aaron Cresswell, Pablo Zabaleta, Marko Arnautovic (Diafra Sakho 69'), Manuel Lanzini, Pedro Obiang, Mark Noble (capt), Angelo Ogbonna, Arthur Masuaku, Michail Antonio (Andre Ayew 78') Subs not used: Joe Hart, Andy Carroll, Javier Hernandez, Edmilson Fernandes, Declan Rice

Chelsea: Thibaut Courtois, Marcos Alonso (Victor Moses 55'), Cesc Fabregas, N'Golo Kante, Alvaro Morata, Eden Hazard, Tiemoue Bakayoko (Pedro 46'), Davide Zappacosta (William 64'), Gary Cahill (capt), Andreas Christensen, Cesar Azpilicueta Subs not used: Willy Caballero, Antonio Rudiger, Mitchy Batshuayi, Ethan Ampadu
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By Brian Jeeves

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Khale Da Costa, Ben Greenhalgh (penalty) and Harry Lee were all on target for the Beach Boys, who extended their unbeaten league run to ten matches.

Chelmsford City closed in on the promotion places with a 2-0 success at Gloucester City. Chris Dickson and Kudus Oyenuga with the Clarets goals.

Braintree Town remain in second place following a dramatic 3-2 win over Eastbourne Borough at Cressing Road. Phil Roberts scored twice for the Iron, while Billy Crook snatched the winner 13 minutes from time.

However, it was an afternoon to forget for East Thurrock United, who crashed to a 5-1 defeat at Hampton & Richmond Borough. Thomas Richardson claimed the Rocks consolation. But their misery was compounded by the sending off of frontman Sam Higgins.

Leyton Orient ended a wretched 15-match winless National League run with an emphatic 4-1 thrashing of leaders Sutton United at Brisbane Road.

Macauley Bonne bagged a brace, one from the penalty spot, while Matt Harrold and James Dayton also found the net, sending the vast majority among the 4,180 crowd home happy for the first time in a while.

Meanwhile, the O's local rivals, Dagenham & Redbridge, also picked up three points. Morgan Ferrier grabbing the only goal shortly before the hour mark as the Daggers saw off Barrow AFC at Holker Street.

Billerica Town continued their push for promotion with a 2-0 Bostik Premier Division success at Staines Town. Jake Robinson scored either side of the break to ensure the Blues wrestled the points away from Wheatsheaf Park.

But it proved to be a tough afternoon for the region's other Bostik Premier clubs. Ricky Griggs's goal couldn't prevent Brightlingsea Regent slipping to a 2-1 defeat at Dulwich Hamlet in front of a bumper 1,828 crowd at Champion Hill.

Thurrock were also on the wrong end of the scoreline as Wingate & Finchley won 4-2 at Ship Lane. Charlie Stimson and Curtis Ujah finding the net for the home side.

Bostik North leaders, AFC Hornchurch, slipped to a 2-0 defeat at fellow promotion hopefuls Canvey Island at Park Lane. Mitchell Gilbey and Ryan Charles were both on target for the Gulls. Second-placed Bowers & Pitsea closed the gap as Jamie Dicks, Fahad Nyanja and Lewis Manor scored the goals in a 3-0 win at Dereham Town.

Billy Jones and Kiernan Hughes-Mason helped Barking overcome a half-time deficit to see off Maldon & Tiptree at Mayesbrook Park. Earlier, Junior Ogedi-Uzokwe had given the Jammers the lead from the penalty spot.

Tilbury saw off Potters Bar Town 3-2 at Chadfields. Toby Aromolaran scored twice and Emiel Aiken also found the net for the Dockers. Meanwhile, Kieran Bishop scored from the spot and Joao Carlos hit the winner as Grays Athletic came from behind to beat Norwich United by the odd goal in three.

Waltham Forest and Witham Town played out an exciting 2-2 draw at Capershotts. Shad Nganduand Shad Ngandu (pen) with the hosts' goals. Elliott Ronto (pen) and Correy Davidson responded for Witham.

Elsewhere, Kreshnic Krasniqi was on target as Heybridge Swifts drew 1-1 with Bury Town, and Matt Price was on target from the spot as Brentwood Town's match at Mildenhall Town reached the same conclusion.

Romford's match at Hertford Town, and Aveley's game at Ware were both postponed.

In the Essex Senior League, Basildon United edged out Takeley 1-0 in a battle between two of the league's title contenders. West Essex found their form, winning 5-2 at Burnham Ramblers.

Southend Manor and Clapton played out a thrilling 3-3 draw at the Southchurch Park Arena.

The matches between Barkingside and Hullbridge Sports, Stansted and Ilford, and Waltham Forest and Sawbridgeworth Town all fell foul of the freezing weather which hit the south-east of the country.

Selected action from the ProKit UK Essex Olympian League saw Springfield win their Premier Division clash at Basildon Town by four goals without reply.

Kelvedon Hatch were 5-1 winners over May & Baker E.C. Meanwhile, Catholic United and Harold Wood Athletic both picked up 3-1 successes over Manford Way and Bishop's Stortford Swifts respectively.



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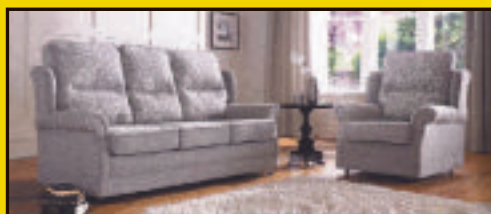
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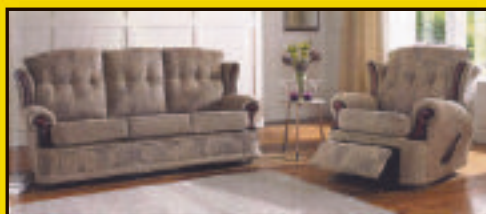


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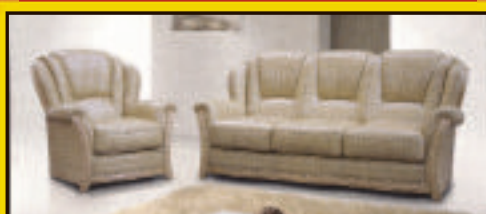
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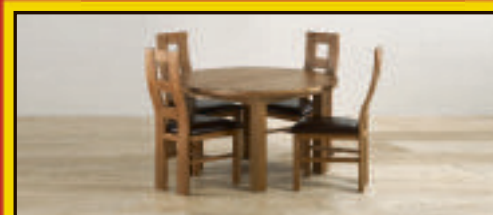
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